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58/6. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/75 of 11 December 2001, in which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal"[1] and its decision to consider this item every two years in advance of each Summer and Winter Olympic Games,

Recalling also its resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993, which, inter alia, revived the ancient Greek tradition of *ekecheiria* or "Olympic Truce" calling for a truce during the Games that would encourage a peaceful environment and ensuring the safe passage and participation of athletes and others at the Games and, thereby, mobilizing the youth of the world to the cause of peace,

Taking into account the inclusion in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] of an appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce now and in the future and support for the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal,

Noting that the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad will take place from 13 to 29 August 2004 in Athens, in Greece, where the Olympic Games were born in ancient times and revived in 1896, and where the tradition of the Olympic Truce was first established,

Welcoming the initiative of the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-agency Task Force on Sport for Development and Peace,

Recognizing the important role of sport in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration,

[1] At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session an item entitled "Sport for peace and development", including a sub-item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal".

[2] See resolution 55/2.

Recognizing also the valuable contribution that the appeal launched b International Olympic Committee for an Olympic Truce, with which the Nat Olympic Committees of the Member States are associated, could make tov advancing the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the flying of the United Nations flag at all compe sites of the Olympic Games, and the joint endeavours of the International Oly Committee and the United Nations system in fields such as poverty allevi human and economic development, humanitarian assistance, education, h promotion, gender equality, environmental protection and human immunodefic virus acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) prevention,

Welcoming the establishment by the International Olympic Committee International Olympic Truce Foundation and an International Olympic Truce C to promote further the ideals of peace and understanding through sport, on v Board the President in office of the General Assembly sits and the Secr General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientifi Cultural Organization are represented,

Welcoming also the individual support of world personalities for the prom of the Olympic Truce,

1. *Urges* Member States to observe, within the framework of the Char the United Nations, the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, durin Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, to be held in Athens;

2. *Welcomes* the decision of the International Olympic Committ mobilize all international sports organizations and the National Oly Committees of the Member States to undertake concrete actions at the national, regional and world levels to promote and strengthen a culture of based on the spirit of the Olympic Truce;

3. *Calls upon* all Member States to cooperate with the Interna Olympic Committee in its efforts to use the Olympic Truce as an instrume promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation in areas of conflict during and b the Olympic Games period;

4. *Welcomes* the increased implementation of projects for develo through sport, and encourages Member States and all concerned agencie programmes of the United Nations system to strengthen their work in this fie cooperation with the International Olympic Committee;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote the observance o Olympic Truce among Member States and support for human develo initiatives through sport, and to c operate with the International Ol Committee in the realization of these objectives;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth sessi sub-item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport a Olympic Ideal" and to consider this sub-item before the XX Olympic Winter G

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